

House Resolution No.

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take the opportunity to recognize outstanding Missouri cities upon the event of their One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Birthday Anniversary; and

Whereas, it is with great pride that this legislative body pauses to honor the citizens of Rich Hill, Missouri, as they proudly and joyously celebrate the quasiquicentennial anniversary of their lovely city during the weekend of July 4, 2005; and

Whereas, the city of Rich Hill was founded one hundred twenty-five years ago on July 8, 1880, and since that historic date the city has had the wonderful opportunity to enjoy more than twelve decades of growth, development, and progress; and

Whereas, within a few months after the founding of this unique city, Rich Hill's population had incredibly grown to 1,500 people who found it necessary to request special legislation from the state of Missouri granting them the right to vote for classification as a Fourth Class City, which legislation was essential since all citizens failed to meet the State residency requirement of the time; and

Whereas, for several years following its inception, the City of Rich Hill had justifiably earned a well-deserved reputation which was based on the numerous rich deposits of coal located within its boundaries, and the current residents of Rich Hill have ample reason to be extremely proud of the many fine accomplishments of their loyal and dedicated ancestors, many of whom earned their living by working in some of the greatest coal mines that ever existed in the State of Missouri; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and property that this legislative body should join the citizens of Rich Hill in saluting each and every former citizen who lost his life as a result of the tragic mining accidents caused by unfortunate explosions and cave-ins; and

Whereas, it is with genuine respect and sincere admiration that this legislative body pauses to pay special tribute to the City of Rich Hill and to salute each and every citizen who has in some way contributed tireless efforts to the time-consuming planning and organization of the special events and activities to be held in conjunction with this joyous quasiquicentennial festivity:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to extend our most hearty congratulations to the citizens of the City of Rich Hill as they celebrate this spectacular event which marks one hundred twenty-five wonderful years of rich and rewarding growth and development, and further extend our sincere hopes and very best wishes for continued great success and progress in the many years ahead; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the City of Rich Hill, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Barney Fisher
District No. 125

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do

certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker